

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA













VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE Training



Veteran Service Office

- 1. Functions and Services
- 2. VA Educational Assistance Programs
- 3. Special Programs
- 4. Application Procedures
- 5. Degree and Course Monitoring
- 6. Certify Terms
- 7. Questions

I do not work for Veteran Affairs,

I work for the University of West Florida



VSO Functions

- 1. For the University
 - Gets approval of the Course catalog and programs
- 2. For the Students
 - Helps Veterans and eligible dependents apply for education benefits
 - Certifies and maintains student enrollment by terms
 - Tracks GPA
 - Assists students with VA problems



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VSO Services http://uwf.edu/registrar/vets/

*	Hours of Operation and Contacts
*	Application Procedures
×	DVA Educational Benefits Eligibility
×	Important Requirements for Students Receiving DVA Benefits
×	VA Education Overpayments
×	Information, Regulations, and Procedures
×	VA Enrollment Certification Information Application procedures and links MCSA application procedures and links
×	<u>Semester Newsletter</u>

Departments of Veterans Affairs

"Ask A Question and find an answer"



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS SUMMARY

DETERMINE VA ELIGIBILITY
Still On Active Duty (MGIB)

PUBLIC LAW CHAPTER

Active Duty

Served on active duty

(MGIB)

Chapter 30

Using Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Chapter 31

Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

Chapter 32

Served during Vietnam ERA GI Bill (*Referred to as Chapter 30)

Chapter 34

Dependents and Survivors

Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

Chapter 35

Education Assistance for the Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Educational Assistance Test Program

Educational Assistance Pilot Program

Chapter 1606 *Active Drilling Reservist Chapter 1607 Call to Active Duty

Section 901

Section 903 (Non-Contributory VEAP)



SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SPECIFIC STUDENTS

Not all students are entitled to special programs

- CO-OP (Cooperative Education) must be applied to the major
- <u>Licensing and</u>
 <u>Certification</u> pays for some testing
- Tutorial Assistance and Tuition Assistance Topup
- Service members Opportunity College
- Kicker (Ch.1606)

- 18-month benefit transfer to dependents controlled by branch of service
- Teacher and Vocational <u>Certification</u> and <u>Certification Programs</u> <u>(IHL/NCD)</u>
- Troops to Teachers
- Accelerated MGIB payment program
- \$600 Contribution



SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SPECIFIC STUDENTS

cont.

Not all students are entitled to special programs

- Transient Students Parent school can approve student to take classes at another school
- Tutorial assistance VA may pay up to \$600 for tutoring
- Dual Degrees VA can approve student to take two degrees at the same time

- Tuition Deferments (30 or 60 days) Florida Law program
- Advance pay Available to new students who apply at least 45 days prior to start of classes
- Break Pay Continually enrolled students may be paid for breaks between classes
- Work study VA students attending ¾ time can apply for jobs that help or provide services to veterans



Application Procedures Pg 1

- 1. Application (VA 22-1990) for those earning VA benefits while serving on active duty or in Reserves. (I need DD214, NOBES, or any document showing additional benefits to be submitted with your application)
 - a. First time application for benefits must complete VA form 22-1990 on the VA web site: E-application VONAPP: http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/about_vonapp.asp

Or download VA 22-1990: http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/22-1990.pdf

b. If previously received VA benefits an individual completes a change of program VA form 22-1995 on the VA web site:
 E- Application VONAPP:

http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/about_vonapp.asp

Or down load VA 22-1995:

http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/22-1995.pdf



Application Procedures Pg 2.

- c. Vocational Rehab students need a 1905 from their Voc Rehab counselor submitted to UWF VSO
- d. <u>Dependent children and spouses</u> need to contact me for information and forms at tgenton0@uwf.edu
- e. Students using TA on active duty may also us TA TOP-UP http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/News/TATU.htm. Check with your education center on base.
- 2. UWF VSO Interview http://uwf.edu/registrar/vets/certinter.pdf
- 3. Enrollment Certification http://uwf.edu/registrar/vets/print.htm

You can use the VA benefits to pay for your <u>Licensing and</u> <u>certification tests</u>. For information please go to http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/LCweb.htm



Monitors Enrollment and Academic performance

All changes in enrollment and/or academic performance may effect certification and will be reported to the DVA regional office. Changes may include:

- Enrollment changes caused by:
 - Drops / Adds / Withdrawals / Appeals
- Enrollment Terminations caused by:

Incomplete courses - Grades not

earned after 1 year

Poor academic performance (GPA)

Poor Attendance (NCD)

Mitigating circumstances

3. Called to Active duty



Training Time is determined by the enrollment certification

Certifications are reported by each TERM of a semester as approved in the school catalog and **not** by the SEMESTER total. Overlapping time periods during a semester can be added together to **estimate** the total training time during a particular time frame, but cannot be reported to the student as accurate.

Only the Department of VA will determine training time.

Entire Semester			
A Term	½ TIME		
B Term	C Term ½ TIME		
D Term (Summer only)			
E Term 1/4 TIME	E Term		
Student paid ¾ time since A=1/2 and E=1/4 A + E	Student paid Student paid FULL time 1/2 time since A=1/2 and C=1/2 A + C		

Thank you!



On behalf of the veterans and DVA I want to thank you for your support

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Questions